

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION  
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DON HARGROVE**, on April 12, 2001 at 5:45 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Don Hargrove, Chairman (R)  
Sen. John C. Bohlinger, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Edward Butcher (R)  
Sen. Pete Ekegren (R)  
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)  
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lynette Brown, Committee Secretary  
David Niss, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SR 7  
4-12-2001  
Executive Action: SR 7

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**HEARING ON SR 7**

**Sponsor:** SEN. EVE FRANKLIN, SD 21, Great Falls

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. EVE FRANKLIN, SD 21, Great Falls, opened SR 7.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. EVE FRANKLIN, SD 21, Great Falls, closed SR 7. SEN. FRANKLIN said she had contact with Mark Semmons. She found him to have great skills to look at data and sort issues out. She said he was an independent decision maker and a very thorough analyst from a policy perspective. SEN. FRANKLIN said he would be a strong asset to education.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 7

Motion: SEN. FRANKLIN moved that SR 7 BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

SEN. ED BUTCHER told the committee he was concerned Mark Semmons would be a promoter of what the university system wanted. He was concerned Mr. Semmons would not be objective.

SEN. FRANKLIN told SEN. BUTCHER he was not in the position of making that judgement about Mr. Semmons. She added it was unfair to comment on the inner process of Mr. Semmons without having the data to evaluate.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT stated he had talked to Mark Semmons and had also listened to him speak. SEN. ELLIOTT said Mr. Semmons was an ardent advocate of education and he supported him strongly.

SEN. DON HARGROVE said Mark Semmons was an appointment of Gov. Martz.

SEN. BUTCHER said Mark Semmons could not have been an appointee of Gov. Martz because he was on the board in the fall of 2000.

**SEN. HARGROVE** said **Mr. Semmons'** term would end in seven years and it was a seven year term.

**Vote:** Motion that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:00 A.M.

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SEN. DON HARGROVE, Chairman

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LYNETTE BROWN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (sts83bad)**